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AM Showers
High: 65, Low: 55



TOMORROW

Rain/Thunder
High: 57, Low: 33

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

WEATHER

LOOKING AT ART THROUGH GLASS



GLASS CLASS: Joel O'Dorisio (left), the acting head of the glass department, works on a weekly senior project with John Hogan. Each senior in the class picks a project to work on and then assigns a section of it to someone else in the class.

JORDAN FLOWER / THE BG NEWS

Bush disagrees with idea that Iraq is now civil war

By Tom Raum
The Associated Press



George Bush

Maintains that the U.S. won't leave Iraq until the job is done

RIGA, Latvia — Under intense pressure to change course, President Bush yesterday rejected suggestions Iraq has fallen into civil war and vowed not to pull U.S. troops out "until the mission is complete."

At the opening of a NATO summit, Bush also urged allies to increase their forces in Afghanistan to confront a strengthening Taliban insurgency.

On the eve of his visit to Jordan for meetings with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Bush portrayed the battles in both Afghanistan and Iraq as central fronts in a war "against the extremists who desire safe havens and are willing to kill innocents anywhere to achieve their objectives."

The stakes in Iraq are huge for Bush. His war policies were repudiated in U.S. midterm elections that handed control of Congress to Democrats. A bipartisan blue-ribbon panel is about to issue a report proposing changes in the administration's approach in Iraq. And al-Maliki's government itself sometimes seems to be at cross purposes with Washington.

Bush set the stage for the Jordan talks with a speech at the NATO

summit here and at an earlier news conference in neighboring Estonia. The president said he was flexible and eager to hear al-Maliki's ideas on how to ease the violence.

"There's one thing I'm not going to do, I'm not going to pull our troops off the battlefield before the mission is complete," Bush declared in his speech. There are about 140,000 U.S. forces in Iraq.

Earlier, speaking with reporters in Tallinn during a joint news conference with Estonia's president, Bush would not debate whether Iraq had fallen into civil war and blamed the increasing bloodshed on a pattern of sectarian violence that he said was set in motion last winter by al-Qaida followers.

"I'm going to bring this subject up, of course, with Prime Minister Maliki," Bush said. "My questions to him will be: What do you need to do to succeed? What is your strat-

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Peace the topic of Pope's visit

By Victor L. Simpson
The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Pope Benedict XVI urged leaders of all religions yesterday to "utterly refuse" to support any form of violence in the name of faith, while Turkey's top Muslim cleric complained to the pontiff of growing "Islamophobia" in the world.

As he began his first visit to a Muslim country — a trip that

drew extraordinary security but few onlookers — Benedict sought a careful balance as he extended friendship and brotherhood to Muslims, hoping to end the outcry from many Muslims over his remarks linking Islam to violence.

He expressed support for Turkey's efforts to join the European Union, moving away from opposition he voiced when he was a cardinal.

But the German pope also hammered away at key points

of his 18-month papacy, telling diplomats that leaders of all religions must "utterly refuse to sanction recourse to violence as a legitimate expression of faith."

He avoided mention of any specific religion, even as he decried terrorism and the "disturbing conflicts across the Middle East."

Benedict also said guarantees of religious freedom are essential for a just society, and the

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Stores now part of campus life

By Noah Bierman
MCT

ORLANDO, Fla. — Students bunking in the newest residence halls at the University of Central Florida soon will be tripping over Maggie Moo's ice cream, Subway sandwiches, Starbucks, Red Brick Oven Pizza, Barnes & Noble and other chain stores on their way out of their dorms.

At UCF and elsewhere, it's getting harder to tell the difference between the univer-

sity and the mall.

Once content to sell sweat shirts from a generic campus store and meals from a mess hall, universities are entering into increasingly sophisticated arrangements with national retailers, allowing more franchises directly on campus. At UCF, many of the stores set to open in the coming weeks are attached directly to the dorms, across from a basketball arena under construction with its own set of chain stores.

"This much impulse buying

on the way to class could be hurtful," said Boston Russell, a 20-year-old sophomore from Longwood, Fla., who is among the first living in the new dorms on the edge of a pine forest in suburban Orlando.

The design, he said, is "letting these companies have a free shot at us when we walk by three times a day for class."

But Cheryl Adams, a senior from Daytona Beach, Fla., said most students are less skepti-

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11:54 p.m.

Male reported to have thrown a beer at a bar bouncer on North Main Street after his wife was asked to leave. The officer was unable to locate him.

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GAMES

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at its worst, the customers would refuse to participate in tournaments and events held at other stores.

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Another reason the gaming community is feeling the loss of 2Play is that it could be foreshadowing more stores closing.

Cullison said he won't be reopening in Bowling Green because

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Alex Merced | Gamer's Lounge owner

a new shop called GameStop will be opening soon. GameStop is a corporate chain that will offer to buy, sell and trade used and new video games.

In spite of the already stretched market, GameStop is building in Bowling Green because it consistently follows Super Wal-mart and because there isn't a corporate game store already here, Nagel

said. "They do what they do, and they do it very well," he said.

Merced and other owners realize what fierce competition is about to begin and Merced said he has rebuilt the Bowling Green Gaming Society Web site, www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/bggs/, to show unity in the game scene.

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10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

BG Book Gala

The Martha Gesling Weber Reading Center and the Curriculum Resource Center are having a book sale.

Jerome Library Pallister Conference Room

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bud Hurlstone Commemorative Exhibition**Willard Wankelman Gallery**

6-7:30 p.m.

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7-9 p.m.

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8-11 p.m.

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Strutting down the runway

FASHION FIRST: Amy Conroy displays an example of acceptable clothing for business travelers at the AMA's annual fashion show.

Teaching candidates prove selves through performance

By Katie Byard
MCT

An innovation in the hiring process in the Stow-Munroe Falls, Ohio, school district made Lisa Heilmeier more than a little nervous.

She had to teach a class — not only in front of administrators, but also high school students who had been recruited from soccer and lacrosse practice.

"The stakes were so high," said the 25-year-old, noting that there are few openings for new teachers in Northeast Ohio.

The district — the largest in Summit County after Akron — is now requiring finalists for teaching jobs to teach a "practice lesson" that in many cases includes students.

Stow appears to be one of the few area districts requiring demonstrations as a final step in hiring teachers.

Education's equivalent of an audition "just makes sense," said Stow

Superintendent Russ Jones, who joined the district last school year from Aurora, which also asks finalists to teach a class.

"The work that teachers do in a classroom is the essence of what we're about," Jones said.

Wadsworth Superintendent Dale Fortner began requiring practice lessons six years ago for all teaching finalists. "We feel that teaching is a performance profession," he said.

Statewide, the practice is increasingly popular, especially among suburban districts that have the luxury of many qualified candidates, said Tom Ash, director of governmental relations for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators.

With fewer openings overall, districts "can be more selective than they could in the past," Ash said.

Heilmeier was caught off

guard when, after her initial interview, Stow-Munroe Falls High Principal Rick Bailey asked her to come teach a class. Her assignment was to teach about the transition from World War II to the Cold War — an era that Heilmeier hadn't previously taught, either as a substitute or student teacher.

"I spent the weekend planning," said Heilmeier, a 2004 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea. "I was stressing myself out because it had to be the best I'd ever done."

She came up with a lesson that included a mini lecture and an activity so administrators could see how she interacted with students. The students formed a human timeline in the front of the room, each representing a historical event.

Heilmeier landed the social studies teaching job.

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Monday, Dec. 4 @ 8:00pm	BTSU Theatre
Thursday, Dec. 7 @ 9:15pm	BTSU Theatre

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Fraternities embrace ethnic roots

By Elizabeth Llorente
MCT

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Clad in shirts that displayed their fraternity letters, the young men filed into an empty classroom to assemble boxes for their annual clothing drive.

As other frat brothers arrived, the men greeted them with a hearty embrace and their secret handshake.

But this wasn't just another fraternity at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J. It was la fraternidad Lambda Theta Phi, one of dozens of Hispanic Greek organizations in the country.

As the number of Hispanics in higher education has risen over the years, so has the number of students who turn to an age-old college staple — fraternities and sororities — but ones that

embrace their ethnic roots.

"I looked at the different organizations on campus," said Johnathan Gaugler, who attends Montclair State University. "I wasn't interested in joining a Greek organization that was mostly social — a lot of parties, drinking. I liked Lambda Theta Phi because it focused on culture and academics. I felt like I could relate to them more."

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In a study, administrators learned many students were rejecting FAU to attend UCF, Florida State and the University of Florida — in part because those schools offer more campus life. And FAU defines that to include a shopping district.

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Margaritha Jassi, 34, of Bowling Green, arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to follow marked lanes at Wooster Street and Dunbridge Road. Police found a pipe in his glove box and later, a burnt spoon under the driver's seat.

11:54 p.m.

Male reported to have thrown a beer at a bar bouncer on North Main Street after his wife was asked to leave. The officer was unable to locate him.

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GAMES

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at its worst, the customers would refuse to participate in tournaments and events held at other stores.

"When 2play fell, it was sobering and got us talking as a community," Merced said.

Another reason the gaming community is feeling the loss of 2Play is that it could be foreshadowing more stores closing.

Cullison said he won't be re-opening in Bowling Green because

"When 2play fell, it was sobering and got us talking as a community."

Alex Merced | Games lounge owner

a new shop called GameStop will be opening soon. GameStop is a corporate chain that will offer to buy, sell and trade used and new video games.

In spite of the already stretched market, GameStop is building in Bowling Green because it consistently follows Super Wal-mart and because there isn't a corporate game store already here, Nagel

said.

"They do what they do, and they do it very well," he said.

Merced and other owners realize what fierce competition is about to begin and Merced said he has rebuilt the Bowling Green Gaming Society Web site, www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/bggs/, to show unity in the game scene.

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Jerome Library Pallister Conference Room

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Willard Wankelman Gallery

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Strutting down the runway**FASHION FIRST:** Amy Conroy displays an example of acceptable clothing for business travelers at the AMA's annual fashion show.

Fraternities embrace ethnic roots

By Elizabeth Llorente
MCT

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Clad in shirts that displayed their fraternity letters, the young men filed into an empty classroom to assemble boxes for their annual clothing drive.

As other frat brothers arrived, the men greeted them with a hearty embrace and their secret handshake.

But this wasn't just another fraternity at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J. It was la fraternidad Lambda Theta Phi, one of dozens of Hispanic Greek organizations in the country.

As the number of Hispanics in higher education has risen over the years, so has the number of students who turn to an age-old college staple — fraternities and sororities — but ones that

embrace their ethnic roots.

"I looked at the different organizations on campus," said Johnathan Gaugler, who attends Montclair State University. "I wasn't interested in joining a Greek organization that was mostly social — a lot of parties, drinking. I liked Lambda Theta Phi because it focused on culture and academics. I felt like I could relate to them more."

Teaching candidates prove selves through performance

By Katie Byard
MCT

An innovation in the hiring process in the Stow-Munroe Falls, Ohio, school district made Lisa Heilmeier more than a little nervous.

She had to teach a class — not only in front of administrators, but also high school students who had been recruited from soccer and lacrosse practice.

"The stakes were so high," said the 25-year-old, noting that there are few openings for new teachers in Northeast Ohio.

The district — the largest in Summit County after Akron — is now requiring finalists for teaching jobs to teach a "practice lesson" that in many cases includes students.

Stow appears to be one of the few area districts requiring demonstrations as a final step in hiring teachers.

Education's equivalent of an audition "just makes sense," said Stow.

Superintendent Russ Jones, who joined the district last school year from Aurora, which also asks finalists to teach a class.

"The work that teachers do in a classroom is the essence of what we're about," Jones said.

Wadsworth Superintendent Dale Fortner began requiring practice lessons six years ago for all teaching finalists. "We feel that teaching is a performance profession," he said.

Statewide, the practice is increasingly popular, especially among suburban districts that have the luxury of many qualified candidates, said Tom Ash, director of governmental relations for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators.

With fewer openings overall, districts "can be more selective than they could in the past," Ash said.

Heilmeier was caught off

guard when, after her initial interview, Stow-Munroe Falls High Principal Rick Bailey asked her to come teach a class. Her assignment was to teach about the transition from World War II to the Cold War — an era that Heilmeier hadn't previously taught, either as a substitute or student teacher.

"I spent the weekend planning," said Heilmeier, a 2004 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea. "I was stressing myself out because it had to be the best I'd ever done."

She came up with a lesson that included a mini lecture and an activity so administrators could see how she interacted with students. The students formed a human timeline in the front of the room, each representing a historical event.

Heilmeier landed the social studies teaching job.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Who's the hardest person you have to shop for this holiday season?



"My Secret Santa, because I want to talk about it with people but I can't."
LINDSAY WEST, Sophomore, Middle Childhood Education



"My dad, because he doesn't like anything."
DAVID ESTES, Freshman, Pre-Med Biology



"My roommate."
KRISTINE QUINN, Junior, Psychology



"My friends, because I just don't know what they want."
DEAN BRYSON, Freshman, Undecided

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Changes of college life may impact home, family



CHAD PUTERBAUGH
OPINION COLUMNIST

We all imagine the way the holidays used to be. There was always a Christmas ham to feast upon, many beautiful presents under the tree, maybe even chestnuts roasting under the open fire. I know that's what I expected.

But for many of us, and even a portion of the freshmen, home just isn't home anymore.

It's almost taken for granted among millions of families in America that college is the right move to secure a good future.

After all, no one wants to

work in a factory for the rest of their life. But what no family sending their children to college considers is the necessary changes that happen because of college.

For at least four years college students are bombarded with mandatory classes, a completely new atmosphere and types of people you've never seen before.

Even for the most stubborn student, these things are hard to ignore. For me, coming from a small town, the difference in atmosphere is huge.

A college town, for instance, has coffee shops, clubs with live bands, theme dance clubs and more than four stoplights.

The most significant change in atmosphere, however, is the abundance of students. The truth is people in college by and

large have chosen to be in college, and thereby have chosen to be students.

Even the most neglectful of students learn a thing or two in a classroom. The amount of learning one does, however, may have some adverse effects.

Maybe you went home fresh from political science class.

You visit mom and dad during Thanksgiving only to realize that they don't know anything about the recent election. Or, suppose your parents are like mine, and you realize that your parents are racist. Isn't this fun?

As the old saying goes, "You can't come home again." It's scary how often this is true. The differences between the 'you' who goes off to college and the 'you' who comes back can be very staggering. These differ-

ences may not be the way I say, they may be completely new.

Think about all of the things you've learned in your life before college: George Washington was the first president, two and two is four, the difference between a lake and a sea.

These are things that may or may not affect your life on a daily basis. It's quite different, however, to start thinking about ethical concepts you've learned in your lifetime. These maxims like: never tell a lie, treat others as you would be treated, etc. affect your life in its entirety.

As I mentioned before, the college atmosphere is quite different from the atmosphere at home.

For many students, the change in atmosphere equals a change in world view, atti-

tude or philosophy.

When these students go home, they are actually different people.

Now, because the primary way of communicating with people is through conversation, the changes in someone's personality becomes all too apparent.

Changes may take form in such diverse areas as what interests you, or even as powerful as what god you pray to. For many families, these changes are not acceptable.

But what is a student to do? Surely, I as a student, do not want to stop learning for the sake of what my parents have to say.

Yet, the eternal dilemma creeps up: but I'd kind of like my parents to accept me. For most people, the parental bond is something of sacred fiber.

For others, it's simply a bond of convenience. It's very hard to look someone in the eye, tell them you don't believe in their god, then ask for a place to stay during Thanksgiving break.

But is this not what college is all about? College is supposed to be a time of change, a place where we all decide our respective futures and commit to a future as a changed person. It's all too human that we forget about the repercussions of these changes.

So here, right now, we're all faced with a choice: to learn and grow, or to stay in our own safe, little worlds. Remember though, you can't come home again.

Send comments to Chad Puterbaugh at cputer@bgsu.edu.

Take note: living in a residence hall includes a long list of faux pas, etiquette issues



SARAH BARNES
OPINION COLUMNIST

Now that the holiday break has ended, many students will be going back to the dorm life.

It may only be a few more weeks until the long winter break, but people will continue to live in the dorms long after this holiday season is over.

With that said, there are some important issues that arise when living in such small quarters with numerous other college students; the most important being dorm etiquette.

Most of us have had our vaccinations and try to stay healthy, but there are certain residence hall sanitation issues that go unnoticed.

The person that didn't feel the need to wash their hands after being in the stall for a good 10 minutes would seem appalling to others in the bathroom, but we usually just brush it off as that person being completely disgusting at their own will.

We fail to realize that we too are going to touch that metal doorknob to leave the bathroom. Even if we have washed our hands, we still get to come in contact with those 10 minutes of stall germs.

If you use one of the dorm bathrooms to which someone so graciously donated a radio, I completely feel your pain. There are a lot of people that enjoy listening to songs about shaking your this, or grinding your whatnots, but this music does not settle well at 8 in the morning.

I know in my dorm, we have tried to play Christmas

"I know in my dorm, we have tried to play Christmas music on different occasions, but someone always feels the urge to put the station back on 'Club Obnoxious.'"

music on different occasions, but someone always feels the urge to put the station back on 'Club Obnoxious.'

Some feel Christmas music is offensive, and they would rather listen to songs about "shaking your money maker." I find shaking any body part of mine for money offensive, because I use my brain to get a job.

Music around the dorm in general is not a fun experience. It's one thing to have your tunes playing loudly once in a while, but not everyone wants to hear your playlist repeated at the highest volume each and every day for the entire semester.

If you insist on forcing others to deal with your music, at least give us some variety.

Also, if you absolutely have to get the best sound system available, what is the point of directing the speakers toward the window?

I'd just assume people would want to listen to their own music with their own system inside their own room.

If you must be out of your room, at least go through the halls staying somewhat sober. Ladies, squealing or screaming inside jokes that only you and your friends understand at 3 in the morning is completely unbearable and extremely rude.

Guys, meandering down the halls with very little clothing while slurring every other word and smelling like vomit is not attractive. If you are searching for female companionship, it's probably not going to happen if you act like a drunken buffoon.

Lastly, quiet hours are made to ensure all students get a restful night of sleep. With all of the door slamming and oblivious people in the dorms, I have yet to get one full night of peaceful sleep.

If you are breaking up with your significant other, there is no point in parading up and down the hallway yelling at them on the phone; no one else cares.

Also, the doors are not Everlast heavy bags; they can be shut with a slight turn of the handle and a little tap. There's nothing more startling than hearing what sounds like a cannon exploding right when you finally lie down for bed.

Hopefully with the new year approaching, more students who are forced to live in the dorms can change some of their obnoxious behaviors, and get off to a good start. If you have to stay in a residence hall, you might as well do it with some class.

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STAFF EDITORIAL | KENT STATE U.

In honor of AIDS week, get tested

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The solution is easy: condoms every time, unless you're in a monogamous relationship.

The excuses are many: "I'm scared to know." "I don't like how it feels."

More than 25 years after the emergence of a new, wildly scary disease, people are still living in ignorance.

The latest statistics from the United Nations show 39.5 million people throughout the world are living with HIV. Approximately 1.4 million people in the United States are infected. More than 43,000 Americans are infected each year.

You might think HIV doesn't affect you. You might think you're not at risk.

You might be wrong.

Nearly one out of every 200 Americans is infected — and 25 percent of them don't know it yet. That means someone in one of your classes may well have HIV. And someone you pass every day certainly has a friend or relative living with the disease.

Young people — teenagers and college-aged people — are the fastest growing group infected with HIV.

Women — particularly black women — are increasingly at risk. And gay and bisexual men and injection drug users remain at the highest risk.

You may read those groups and still think you have nothing to worry about. But even if your personal risk is minor, being safe during

sex is smart and easy.

HIV is a surprisingly wimpy virus. It dies quickly when not in the human body, which is why you can't catch it from hugs, kisses, swimming pools or toilet seats.

That's why the most effective tool you can use is condoms. Use one every time you have sex. Period.

The other important tool is testing. If you're sexually active, you should be getting an HIV test every six months.

Yesterday, the DeWeese Health Center at Kent State provided anonymous, free HIV tests, something it does on a regular basis.

Contact your local health center to find out how you can get tested.

Treatment of HIV infections has come a long way from the early 1980s when people learned they were sick and died within just months. Americans with HIV can expect to live as long as 24 years after infection if they seek treatment.

Perhaps that's why many of us aren't as concerned as we used to be. Maybe that's why some people aren't informed and make unhealthy choices about sex.

But we should all remember: HIV is no longer a death sentence. But having HIV is certainly a difficult life, filled with terrible days and high medical costs.

That's why, 26 years after the start of this global pandemic, the early guidelines we all learned are still the most important.

Be informed. Play safe. Get tested.

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YOU COULD TELL YOURSELF THAT IT'S NEWS, BUT IT'S JUST NOT.

THIS WEEK'S BAD JOKE

Q: Why are horses poor dancers?
A: They have two left feet.

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Children's stories lack substance, mislead kids

Why are children's stories so awful? They don't teach kids anything about the way the world really works. Happily ever after? Whoever came up with that obviously doesn't have a job.

What's happy about dragging yourself out of bed early every morning and going to work only to have someone steal your lunch out of the fridge? Life is hard and children's stories should be honest and prepare kids for the metamorphoses from naive, innocent child, to mildly depressed adult with a drinking problem.

For example, "Happily ever after" should be replaced with, "Lived in a convenient but loveless marriage ever after."

Name one admirable character from a storybook. Sam-I-Am is a jerk. He's way too in your face — just like the people at the Union who think that if I sign my name on their science-fair reject excuse for a poster, it will actually prevent me from drinking and driving.

"Hey you want a drink?" "Oh sorry, I better not; I promised some poster board I wouldn't."

I just signed it to clear my name. (Speaking of which, does that hold up in court? Because I have my arraignment next Tuesday). Look, the guy made it quite clear he doesn't want your green eggs and ham. Who gives a damn if you're in a box with a fox?

I don't even know how he put up with Sam-I-Am for as long as he did; that guy was like an overzealous cross-country runner who keeps trying to convince you that running is a real sport. In real life he would have been stabbed by page two: "I think I'll stab you Sam-I-Am. I'll cut you out like my spaghetti."

Then there's Goldilocks, your



COLBY JAMES
HUMOR COLUMNIST

typical blonde bimbo, who after trespassing, breaking and entering, theft, and destruction of property, is stupid enough to fall asleep at the crime scene just like a hobo who just killed another hobo over a sandwich and passed out afterward (only Goldilocks doesn't smell of urine and have a silly beard, and also I'm not filming it and taking bets on who will win).

If we're going to teach kids the joys of stealing and ruining other people's things, we owe it to them to teach them the importance of having a getaway car.

And let's not forget the ugly duckling: savior to outcasts and theater majors everywhere. Here we have a story about a social misfit who ends up being a beautiful swan. Wrong! Sorry kids: once a loser, always a loser.

What was his mom doing fraternizing with the swans anyway? Didn't Mr. Ugly Duckling suspect something was wrong when his kid didn't have any of the same colored feathers? What is this story saying anyway? It's OK to be different as long as you're white and pretty? Yeah, that's a great thing to teach kids. I thought we were going to try to better future generations ...

To help children deal with the fact that the world is a cruel place (Santa doesn't exist, the Easter Bunny isn't real, mommy and the pool boy aren't just friends, etc.), I have written my own short children's story.

ONLINE: Read the rest of Colby's column online at BGNews.com!

BORINGGREEN



JEFF ROOD | JRROOD@BGNEWS.COM

Final exams inspire bizarre behavior

Here it comes. Exam week, where freshmen don't know what they're getting into and seniors are so close to freedom. The rest of us are just trying to scrape by.

Now most of us have known what we have to do, but it hasn't inspired many of us to actually do the work assigned until the last minute.

My favorite result of this accumulation of work is that people actually turn their workload into a competition. You heard me.

And you've probably done it before yourself ... unless you're a freshman, in which case you don't count.

But back to my point. If you haven't done it already this semester, pretty soon you'll be complaining to your friends about how many papers or projects you have to do in the coming weeks.

Sometimes this complaining can get to be a little too much when all you hear during and between classes is:

"Oh my God, I totally have



MATT MAUK
HUMOR COLUMNIST

like three papers to do this week. I don't even know what the topics are!"

(Because said person is too busy texting in the back of the room to pay attention).

"Yeah? Well I have to do two presentations and I still have to read the book for this class."

(This guy has been in the wrong class all year).

"So what? I need to make a four-foot replica of the Eiffel Tower out of toothpicks. And I swear the Brazilian keeps stealing my Elmer's Glue."

(... that one was actually me). Just by changing a few words, this entire conversation can be applied to anyone on campus.

But why argue so much? I say everyone should just load

all of their papers and books into a large sack (also called a backpack to some), and when the topic of workload comes around, it should be settled simply by seeing who gets knocked out first in a "sack-fight."

Seeing as I'm still taking care of some police charges after putting my theory to work, I doubt this method will ever really catch on.

Although this semester I am looking forward to witnessing my first freshman emotional breakdown.

Sadly, little can top the girl who sang "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go" in the middle of Jerome before breaking down and crying. Such a good memory.

These breakdowns can be easily avoided. Because to those of you who don't know: All-nighters might sound like a bad idea — and that's because they are. Almost as bad of an idea as Paris Hilton speaking. At all. Ever.

My warnings will go unheeded by freshmen, who will, without a doubt, pull all-nighters right

before the day of their exams.

But as a note, five shots of espresso in one drink will keep you awake all night, but it will also bring you on the verge of a heart attack. A delicious mocha heart attack.

To those of you who will do stay awake, you have no right to complain. It's not the professor's fault for assigning [could it be?] projects and papers for students to finish.

But who am I to lecture? I have yet to open a book this semester and I've done more all-nighters than you can imagine. When you start seeing gnomes stealing your roommate's DVDs, believe me, it's a sign of sleep deprivation.

So I guess I can just say everyone should try and not repeat what they've done every other exam week. Slacking.

It's not like it's going to do anything to the rest of our life, right?

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Mother faces murder charges

By James Hannah
The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — A mother was arrested on suspicion of murdering her month-old daughter by putting the baby in a microwave oven.

China Arnold, 26, was jailed Monday on a charge of aggravated murder, more than a year after she brought her dead baby to a hospital on Aug. 30, 2005, police said.

"We have reason to believe, and we have some forensic evidence that is consistent with our belief, that a microwave oven was used in this death," said Ken Betz, director of the Montgomery County coroner's office.

He said the evidence included high-heat internal injuries and the absence of external burn marks on the baby, Paris Talley.

That conclusion is supported by the Dayton police investigation, he said, but he wouldn't discuss the case in detail because charges have been filed.

The death was ruled a homicide caused by hyperthermia, or high body temperature. The lack of external burns ruled out an open flame, scalding water, heating pad or other possible cause of death that would have damaged the skin, Betz said.



China Arnold
Dayton mother suspected of microwaving baby

Arnold's lawyer, Jon Paul Rion, said she had nothing to do with her daughter's death. She was stunned when investigators told her that a microwave might have been involved, he said.

"China — as a mother and a person — was horrified that such an act could occur," Rion said.

Arnold was arrested initially after the baby's death, then released.

Betz said the case was difficult because "there is not a lot of scientific research and data on the

effect of microwaves on human beings."

There was a lengthy investigation before prosecutors found enough probable cause to issue another arrest warrant, said Greg Flannagan, a spokesman for the county prosecutor's office.

The night before the baby was taken to the hospital, Arnold and the child's father went out for a short time and left Paris with a baby sitter, Rion said.

The mother didn't sense anything out of the ordinary until the next morning, when the child was found unconscious, Rion said.

"We're very curious as to why now — some year-and-a-half later — police are now looking at China," he said.

The microwave was taken as evidence, police Sgt. Gary White said.

"The microwave oven is definitely part of the investigation," he said.

Municipal Judge Bill Littlejohn set Arnold's bond yesterday at \$1 million.

Out of the cage



TONY DEJAK | AP PHOTO

ON THE DEFENSE: Sharen Gravelle looks at attorney Richard Drucker during the prosecutor's opening statements yesterday in Norwalk, Ohio. Opening statements began yesterday for the Gravelles, who are charged with 16 counts of felony child endangering and eight misdemeanor child endangering charges. The Gravelles are accused of locking some of their 11 adopted special-needs children in cages.

By Joe Milicia
The Associated Press

NORWALK, Ohio — A couple on trial for putting some of their 11 adopted, special-needs children in cages are guilty only of loving them, a defense attorney said yesterday in his opening statement.

"Eleven is a strain, a huge strain, but they did it for the right reason," said Ken Myers, attorney for Sharen Gravelle who, along with her husband, Michael Gravelle, are charged with 16 counts of felony child endangering and eight misdemeanor child endangering charges.

The children ranged in age from one to 14 when authorities removed them in September 2005 from the Gravelles' home in rural Wakeman about 60 miles west of Cleveland. The youngsters were placed in foster care last fall.

The couple, who lost custody in March, have repeatedly said the enclosures were necessary to keep the children from harming themselves or one another. The children have problems such as fetal alcohol syndrome and a disorder that involves eating nonfood items.

Huron County Prosecutor Russell Lefler told jurors not to get hung up on semantics.

"It's about chicken wire and

wooden boards, being literally cooped up, hotter than blazes in summer, an amazingly shrill alarm and little fingers trying to tear wire," Lefler said.

Lefler described punishments that the children allegedly received, including being confined to the cages, being forced to eat peanut butter for weeks and having their heads dunked in a toilet.

Myers defended the use of the enclosed beds, which he said were no smaller than an average bunk bed.

"Some of the kids thought they (the cages) were cool because it felt like being in a fortress," Myers said.

Myers told jurors that the day the children were removed from the Gravelle home, sheriff's Lt. Randy Sommers reported that he saw no signs of physical or emotional abuse.

"The children were taken because he doesn't like the way the beds looked," Myers said.

Myers told jurors that the children were in poor shape when Michael, 57, and Sharen Gravelle, 58, adopted them and that Huron County knew about the cages for years but did nothing.

"They did what was yeoman's work, what they thought was God's work and this is what they get for it," Myers said as he entered the courthouse.

Sea lions not so playful

By Marcus Wohlsen
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Tourists flock to Fisherman's Wharf for the seafood and the stunning views of San Francisco Bay, but for many visitors, the real stars are the dozens of playful, whiskered sea lions that lounge by the water's edge, gulping down fish.

Now a series of sea-lion attacks on people in recent months has led experts to warn that the animals are not as cute and cuddly as they appear.

"People should understand these animals are out there not to attack people or humans. But they're out there to survive for themselves," said Jim Oswald, a spokesman for the Marine Mammal Center across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco.

In the most frightening of the recent episodes, a rogue sea lion bit 14 swimmers this month and chased 10 more out of the water at San Francisco's Aquatic Park, a sheltered lagoon near the bay. At least one victim suffered puncture wounds.

Some scientists speculate that the animals' aggressive behavior is being caused by eating fish contaminated by toxic algae, or by a shortage of food off the coast. But wildlife experts say even healthy sea lions are best left alone.

In Southern California in June, a sea lion charged several people on Manhattan Beach and bit a man before waddling into the water and swimming away. In Berkeley, a woman was hospitalized last spring after a sea lion took a chunk out of her leg.

Last year, a group of sea lions took over a Newport Beach marina and caused a vintage 50-foot yacht to capsize when they boarded it. And a lifeguard in Santa Barbara was bitten three times while swimming off El Capitan State Beach.

Investigators searching for answers

By Tom Hays
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg met yesterday with the family of the man who was killed on his wedding day in a barrage of police gunfire as he left his bachelor party, and investigators questioned a third civilian witness.

Three days after the fatal encounter, it remained unclear why four detectives and one police officer opened fire while conducting an undercover operation at a strip club.

The unidentified witness was on a darkened block in Queens when five police officers killed 23-year-old Sean Bell and injured two friends as the three sat inside a car, officials said.

There are two other civilian witnesses: One woman on the street who says she saw officers firing their weapons, and a second woman who from



Michael Bloomberg
New York mayor met with family of murder victim

her window spotted a man running away from the area around the time of the shooting. Investigators are trying to determine if that man had been with the three who were shot.

Yesterday, Bloomberg went to the Bell family's Queens church, where he met for about an hour with the parents and fiancée of the victim, along with the Rev. Al Sharpton. The mayor then met at a restaurant with about 50 community leaders.

The mayor held a similar meeting Monday at City Hall in which he declared that officers appeared to use "excessive force" when Bell was killed hours before his

wedding. He stood by his comments yesterday.

"I am a civilian. I am not a professional law enforcement officer," he said. "I used the word excessive and that's fine. That was my personal opinion. It may turn out to be that it was not excessive."

Councilman James Sanders Jr. of Queens said he warned Bloomberg about possible unrest.

"I alerted the mayor that the temperature on the streets has increased to a large degree," he said. "While we are sitting in these meetings, a lot of people are out on the streets."

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said some tension was inevitable because of "the nature of what police departments do — we arrest people, we give them summonses, we're the bearers of bad news, we use force and sometimes we use deadly force."

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WOMEN'S B-BALL

Falcons make first appearance in polls

BG has made its way onto the Week 4 USA Today Rankings with a debut at No. 24. The early appearance may be due to the Falcons' growing popularity from last season and their tougher schedule. BG beat Temple 86-67 last Friday in their only game. Their record is now 4-1.

SCHEDULE

TODAY

Women's Basketball:
vs. Oakland; 7 p.m.

OUR CALL

On the way up

BGSU Women's Basketball: After laying the lumber on Temple Friday, these girls have made their way into the national spotlight with a No. 24 ranking.

On the way down

Unsung heroes of the BG football team: For a team who had no real star power at the beginning of the season, two all-MAC players along with one second-teamer have the Falcons on the map.

The List

The BG News gives five reasons why Chicago Bulls forward Ben Wallace (below) should be allowed to wear his headband.

1. Afro: The guy has a giant hedge of hair on his head. How is he supposed to keep it in check without a headband?

2. Sweat: For a guy who works as hard as Big Ben, how is he supposed to absorb all the sweat he works up.

3. Style: This dude is stylish, he's got swagger, you can't take away part of his gig, that's how he rolls.

4. Freedom: What is so bad about headbands? He should have the right to rock one. Why would they make a stupid team rule like that?

5. He's Ben Wallace: He leaves the team that made him successful to come to Chicago and they act like his mom and tell him what to wear...what's that bologna?



That's all she wrote

Problems addressed by Brandon

By Colin Wilson
Assistant Sports Editor

After a long, somewhat disappointing season, BGSU football coach Gregg Brandon wants to put it all behind him, focus on what his team did well and focus on next year.

"I'm not dwelling on the wins and losses anymore, the negativity that came out of this season as a result of the losing record is what it is," Brandon said. "I'm not dwelling on it, there are a lot of good things that we accomplished."

Brandon is right. After a homecoming win over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 14, BG stood at 4-3, had decent quarterback play, a hard-nosed running game and a do-it-all receiver to go with a tough defense. It seemed as though the Falcons could still do well in the Mid-American Conference standings and maybe clinch a bowl berth.

That all changed — the Falcons finished 4-8 and lost their last five games of the season. The season began to unravel in Mt. Pleasant on Oct. 19 when the Falcons fell to Central Michigan, 31-14. Brandon admitted the team expected some growing pains.

"I didn't want to go into the season and call it a building year but that's what it was," he said. "I think we were fortunate enough to win some of those early games as young as we were and we just ran out of gas in the end."

With the offseason comes recruiting responsibilities for the Falcons. Brandon said he'll recruit at all positions but some will be recruited more heavily than others. His main areas of concern are the secondary and linebacking core on defense. On offense Brandon was somewhat satisfied but he expressed a desire for a game-breaking running back.

"We need a fast, make you miss type guy, you know a Garrett Wolfe type," Brandon said. "We need to get a guy that can come in and be that guy for us like P.J. Pope was."

As far as special teams goes, Brandon is content to help the current kicker and punter develop rather than bring in more recruits.

"Our punter and kicker are going



BRANDON HEISS | THE BG NEWS

SEASON OF CHANGE

QB CAROUSEL: Three different players saw time at the QB position this season. It will be an open competition next season to decide who starts.

INCONSISTENT: After playing well early, BG lost its last five games to finish with a 4-8 record.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS: Blocked punts and kicks and bad coverage plagued the special teams unit for the Falcons.

YOUTH: The Falcons' abundance of young players hurt their endurance at the end of the season.



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TOP: BG players look dejected during the final seconds of a loss against Temple; **MIDDLE:** Anthony Turner eludes an Akron defender on Nov. 4. Turner had an up and down year; **BOTTOM LEFT:** Pete Winovich rests during the game against Temple; **BOTTOM RIGHT:** BG coach Gregg Brandon paces the sidelines in BG's game against Wisconsin.

Omar Jacobs

He is one of the most prolific players in school history and has made his way onto the Eagles' practice squad.



P.J. Pope

BGSU's third leading rusher has signed with Green Bay and has already seen some special teams action.



Charles Sharon

The leading receiver in school history. Sharon spent time on the Jaguars practice squad before being signed by the club.

Three Falcons sign contracts in a week

By John Turner
Sports Editor

While current BG football players have struggled through recent weeks, a few from last year's team have found better fortunes as their dreams of playing in the NFL are being realized.

The first to be signed to an NFL roster was BG's third all-time rushing leader, P.J. Pope. Pope had spent the fall on the Chicago Bears practice squad when he got the call to play for the Packers while in a Chicago mall. Leaving the Windy City wasn't an easy decision, but for Pope the chance to play on Sunday was too great to pass up.

"I was excited but at the same time I had a decision to make whether or not to stay [in Chicago] or go," Pope said. "Everything in Green Bay is going good though — I'm getting along great with everyone."

Soon after, another un-drafted free

agent, Charles Sharon, was signed to the Jacksonville Jaguar's from their practice team. Sharon is BG's all-time leading receiver with 3,450 yards and 232 receptions in his four seasons as a Falcon.

Not to be left out of the action, former BG standout Omar Jacobs found a new home with the Philadelphia Eagles practice team last week. His acquisition was made shortly after the team sent starting quarterback Donovan McNabb to the disabled list, creating the need for a third quarterback in the system behind Jeff Garcia and A.J. Feeley.

"It's been nothing but love," Jacobs said. "Guys work hard and there's a great atmosphere in the locker room."

Jacobs left BG with one year of eligibility remaining to pursue a career in the NFL, but met a setback when he was cut from the Pittsburgh Steelers in early September. Since then, Jacobs has been evaluated by eight different NFL teams, finally landing in

Browns are in bad shape, Cavs need to step up



Here we are again Browns fans. What the hell happened to the Browns? When did Braylon Edwards turn into this brash, outspoken jerk? When did these guys start yelling each other on the sidelines? When did they not score — against the Bengals?

Last Sunday's game was absolutely horrendous — even more horrendous than the previous Sunday. The Bengals gave up 42 points in one half in a game this year — the Browns couldn't score one point in two halves.

Not to knock the Bengals and their talent, but the Browns really crapped the bed. Charlie Frye looked like he was still playing at Willard High School and the defense looked like they were a middle school team playing against the '95 San Francisco 49ers. The Browns are the lowest of the low right now.

This team seems to be going nowhere and the coaching staff is having trouble with players keeping their mouths shut. If Romeo is one of the no-nonsense guys that the Patriots have bred throughout the past few seasons, he should discipline Braylon Edwards or at least tell him to shut up.

I don't care if Edwards was yelling at other guys using Charlie's jersey as an example. If he's a grown adult he should know that people respond better to criticism when you aren't berating them on the sideline and using other guys as visual aides.

If this team cares so much about winning, they aren't showing it. The owner is off buying English soccer teams and is barely ever around. The town is his personal ATM. Cleveland is a football town. If the Browns went 0-16, they would still sell a good portion of the next year's seats.

There is a waiting list to get season tickets and personal seat licenses because they are so popular. If Cleveland wants a winner. Fans ought to start boycotting because Randy "Soccer Boy" Lerner doesn't care about winning football games. Yes, I made that nickname up. Consider it copyright.

Across town at "The Q," there is a team that has the second best record in the East, but is playing without any urgency at all. The Cavaliers should be a one or two loss team. They continue to play like garbage against teams like Atlanta, Charlotte, Boston, and Indiana. Those teams will not likely make the playoffs. Even the games they win, they have a hard time starting or finishing.

Lebron James has played well, but the leadership has not been there. This team should take charge and stomp the league's lower-tier teams. I'm not a fan of running up the score but when you're up 15 at half-time, go out and keep doing what you're doing.

I don't know if it's Mike Brown's style to do this, but I constantly notice the Cavs trying to use the whole shot clock and take perimeter jump-shots in the second half when they have double-digit leads. This is especially frustrating when the likes of James, Sasha Pavlovic and Daniel Gibson have showed great speed and power when slashing to the basket.

On a good note, Damon Jones looks substantially better than he did last season. I was one of his smallest fans last year and I've come around to his newfound hustle and energy. He can fire up all the threes he wants if he's moving around the offensive end and getting back on defense instead of watching his shot with a smirk on his face.

Congratulations to the Ohio State University basketball team for falling into the No. 1 slot in the rankings by default. While they have played well without Greg Oden, they were lucky to have all the teams in front of them lose. I will talk smack in this column

Rugby season ends rather abruptly at Ball State

By Chris Voloschuk
Reporter

After winning their qualifying games in the first round of the National Collegiate Tournament held at Ball State, the BGSU club rugby team ended their season somewhat prematurely.

The semifinals, held in Elkhart, Ind., on Nov. 11 and 12, pitted the Falcons against Wisconsin Stout, and later against Ohio University.

Up 12-0 at halftime against Stout, BG let the lead slip away in the second half and lost the game 17-12.

The loss placed BG into a consolation game against OU, which hadn't beaten BG since 1980. The Bobcats stunned the defending Mid-American Conference champions 38-34, ending the fall season for the Falcons. BG ends the fall season at 24-3.

According to coach Roger Mazzarella, after winning the qualifying games, the Falcons got some time off from the playing field, and that caused them

to lose some of their edge. Also, some backfield changes before the semis led to a bad weekend.

"During the games, we were thinking it was in the bag," Mazzarella said. "We made the mistake of taking a week off, and didn't have practice for a couple of days. In the end, people were trying to win the games on their own."

"I've been the head coach for 22 years, and I learned a valuable lesson," Mazzarella continued. "Don't change what you've been doing. It was a mistake to have a weekend off."

But even with the losses, there were still some positives to look at from the first half of the year.

"We lost 17 guys from last spring," Mazzarella said. "We weren't expected to accomplish very much. But to play the way we did and to win the way we did was really something."

Next up for BG rugby will be a string of games in the southern part of the country next month, against Vanderbilt, Florida State University, Alabama and others.

FOOTBALL

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to be good players, I don't want to invest more scholarships in those positions right now," Brandon said. "[Alonso] Rojas will develop, I think he'll be OK and I think [Sean] Ellis will too. He just has to grow up and mature, get stronger."

Brandon also addressed the team's inability to cover well on special teams. The abundance of offensive and defensive starters who spent time on special teams was one problem he found. Although the best players available were on the field, they may not have had the energy to play as many downs as they did.

"We always want to play our best players, the problem you get into is that when it gets late in the season and those best players are starters on your offense and defense you need to manage your reps," Brandon said.

As far as the quarterback position is concerned, Brandon still has confidence in Anthony Turner.

"Anthony Turner is a very talented football player,"

he said. "Anthony has to demonstrate that he can do what our past quarterbacks have done here and that is lead us to bowl games and championships and he has yet to do that."

Brandon was very clear that there will be equal opportunity for all quarterback candidates to become the starter heading into next season.

"In the spring they're all going to get an opportunity to compete and win the job," Brandon said. "Whoever the Bowling Green quarterback is, that's what I'm asking that kid to do — to put us in the championship, to win a championship, and take us to the bowl game."

Brandon expressed a lot of enthusiasm in the talent of the young players. The off-season will be a new experience for the freshmen.

"Those kids are young and willing, they were just inexperienced," Brandon said. "None of these freshmen that played for us this year have been through an off-season, have been through a spring ball, have any idea what it takes to play at this level. This season they found out."

Marshall player remembers not making fateful trip

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — People thought Jon Calvin was dead.

The defensive end on the 1970 Marshall University football team was initially listed by reporters as one of 37 players killed when the plane carrying the team home from a game crashed outside of Huntington, W.Va.

Some even sent Calvin's mother flowers.

But Calvin, who had a slightly sprained knee, didn't make the trip to East Carolina University on Nov. 14, 1970. Without explanation and to his disappointment, his coaches kept the then-sophomore off the trip.

"I've always wondered why I wasn't on that plane," he told the Akron Beacon Journal's Bob Dyer for a column yesterday.

Calvin, who works at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. as the director of supply chain, had never given interviews about the crash, regarded the worst tragedy in American sports history.

An upcoming movie starring Matthew McConaughey called "We Are Marshall" has sparked memories for the Cuyahoga Falls native. The film, which focuses on how the university recovered after the crash, opens nationally Dec. 22.

When Calvin goes to Marshall in mid-December for a special screening, it will be the first time he has been to the campus since the crash, which killed 75 people in all — players, coaches, boosters, college officials and the flight crew.

"This thing is really going to be

emotional," he said.

Among those who died was Calvin's former roommate, Al Saylor, a high school classmate he knew since seventh grade.

Calvin said he learned about the crash on television, called his parents to say he was OK and ran to the crash site to try to help.

The only assistance needed was his help identifying victims at a makeshift morgue at the airport. Most of the players' families were too far away to do it.

"I was up there all night," he said. "It went on and on. Here I am, 19. You grow up real fast."

Calvin said he still thinks about the crash every day but has gotten over some of the effect, such as a fear of flying, something his job requires him to do often.

"I always say a little prayer to myself on every takeoff and every landing," he said. "To think I fly from here to Sidney, Australia — 16 hours over water — I don't know how I could do that. But I do. That part of it I've overcome."

Calvin lost a lucrative job the summer after the crash and couldn't afford to return to Marshall. He enrolled at Kent State University and, because he paid his own way by working at Goodyear, gave up sports.

"Back then there wasn't anything called 'counseling,'" he said when asked whether he suffers from survivor's guilt. "I've always wondered why I wasn't on that plane."

"I don't have any guilt. I was mad that I wasn't going," he said.

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Nugent's confidence has brought success to the Jets

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Mike Nugent measured his steps and gazed at his target 54 yards away. He knew he was going to make the field goal.

The New York Jets' second-year kicker high-fived holder Ben Graham as the ball sailed through the uprights easily for a career-long field goal, just as he imagined seconds earlier.

"If you don't have confidence in yourself, you might as well not even be out on the field," said the soft-spoken and mild-mannered Nugent, a Centerville, Ohio, native who played at Ohio State. "If you're the only one in the whole stadium that has confidence in yourself, well, that's the most you need on the field to do your job."

Nugent tied a career high with four field goals in the Jets' 26-11 win over Houston on Sunday and made a big statement with his 54-yarder that was plenty long and 1 yard shy of the team record.

"It was all that turkey," Graham jokingly shouted in his Australian accent as he strolled past Nugent's crowded locker Monday.

"Mike really nailed it," coach Eric Mangini added. "Mike is the type of guy that everybody cheers for because of the way he works, the way he cares,

"If you don't have confidence in yourself, you might as well not even be out on the field."

Mike Nugent | New York Jets Kicker

He's easy to root for. Obviously, everybody wants three points, but aside from that, it's just good to see him hit that type of field goal."

Questions about Nugent's leg strength started to creep in after he struggled to reach the end zone on kickoffs. He was also 0-for-3 on field goals of 50 or more yards in his young career.

But similar to a relief pitcher in baseball, Nugent has learned to have a short memory, never allowing one bad kick to linger. He also refuses to let doubts about his abilities affect him.

"If you're doing your job on the field, then you're going to get to keep doing what you do, do what you do best and what you love," he said.

With his small stature — he's 5-foot-9 and 182 pounds — and boyish looks, Nugent can easily be mistaken for a reporter or equipment manager in the Jets' locker room. On the field, he has stood tall for years.

Nugent set or tied 22 school records at Ohio State, where he established a reputation for having a powerful and accurate leg. Those credentials made him one

of the highest-drafted kickers in the last 23 years when the Jets took him in the second round, 47th overall, in 2005.

Big things were obviously expected, but his NFL career got off to a dubious start. Nugent's first field-goal attempt was blocked in the opener against Kansas City, but he rebounded to have a decent rookie season. He made 22 of 28 field goals, including a 49-yarder in the season finale against Buffalo.

Nugent then had a horrific opening game this season in a 23-16 win at Tennessee, missing two of his three field-goal attempts and an extra point.

"Even though I had that Tennessee game, I'm glad we got the win, and my teammates are so supportive, it's unbelievable," Nugent said.

Until Sunday, Nugent had missed his only try from 50 this season — a 52-yarder at windy Cleveland four weeks ago. He was 0-for-3 in his career from 50-plus yards when Mangini and special teams coordinator Mike Westhoff let Nugent try one Sunday.

"The warmups went really

well, so I was thinking, 'Just hit it like I did during warmups,'" Nugent recalled. "I knew I had to do my job."

Besides the 54-yarder, Nugent made kicks of 23, 34 and 40 yards Sunday. He also booted three kickoffs into the end zone on a day when the wind wasn't much of a factor.

Nugent also showed some toughness, making an open-field tackle on Dexter Wynn during a kickoff return.

"It wasn't just a tackle, it was a great hit, too," special teams ace Brad Smith said. "He did a great job of doing his job all day long."

Nugent hasn't had many opportunities to make his mark in games, converting 12 of 15 attempts, tied for the fewest kicks in the NFL.

"I'd say that's probably the main reason it might be kind of a tough thing, because you can kick one field goal and then maybe none for the next two games," he said. "But when you get called upon, that's the time you have to perform at your best."

The Jets had two opportunities to try for 50-yard field goals against Chicago two weeks ago, but Mangini decided instead to punt. New York was shut out 10-0, and many wondered if the coach's confidence in Nugent had been shaken.



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STRAIGHT THROUGH: New York Jets place kicker Mike Nugent (1) follows through on a 40-yard field goal as Ben Graham holds against the Houston Texans.

Henry's breath test results thrown out

BATAVIA, Ohio (AP) — A judge has thrown out the results of a breath test in a drunken driving case against Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chris Henry.

Carol Rowe, assistant Clermont County prosecutor, told Municipal Court Judge Victor Haddad that she had concluded the results were unreliable. After discussions with Henry's lawyer, she said she agreed the equipment used to perform the test did not comply with state requirements.

Haddad signed off on dropping the results Monday, a day after Henry caught two touchdown passes in the Bengals' 30-0 win in Cleveland.

The test had shown Henry had a blood-alcohol level of 0.092 percent after being pulled over in June, above the state's legal limit of 0.08.

A jury still will hear testimony from State Highway Patrol trooper Michael Shimko, who arrested Henry, during a trial set for Feb. 15. Henry has been charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and speeding.

Haddad set Henry's bond at \$10,000 on Monday and ordered him to report twice a month to the county's probation department. The judge ordered him not to use alcohol or drugs and to undergo testing as a condition of his bond. He can continue driving as long as he blows



TONY DEJAK | AP PHOTO

TO THE HOUSE: Bengals receiver Chris Henry catches a touchdown against Cleveland Sunday. Henry had the breath test results thrown out by the judge in his drunken driving case.

into a breath-test ignition interlock device.

Henry and his attorney declined to comment to reporters as they left the courtroom.

Six Bengals have been arrested this year on various charges. Henry, 23, has been arrested four times since last December. He has pleaded guilty to marijuana possession and a gun charge and has one other case pending.

He was suspended for two games and fined \$20,000 earlier this season for violating NFL policies on conduct and substance abuse.

ALUMNI

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Philadelphia.

Only one of the three, Pope, has had the fortune to make his NFL regular season debut. Pope got in Green Bay's game against Minnesota on special teams, which he described as a "pretty cool" experience.

With another level of play, comes another level of expectations as the trio continually pushes themselves to adjust to the professional level.

"I'll just keep working hard and wait for my chance," Pope said. "I'll help the team wherever I can."

But with new teams come new coaches, new systems and new terminology.

"It's the same plays but how they call certain things [that's tough]," Jacobs said. "Like when they say 'banana,' I have to know what that means."

Jacobs cited the impor-

tance of his and other players' success at the next level to BGSU and the future of Falcon athletics.

"It's great for the University and the [football] team's recruiting that they can point to guys like us," Jacobs said.

The three have remained in close contact since training camp, keeping each other posted and making congratulatory phone calls in recent weeks.

"I'm just happy for everybody else, that they're out there doing something instead of sitting around, hoping and wishing," Jacobs said.

Pope echoed the words of his former quarterback, but added that they need to focus in and make the best of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

"I'm happy to see we've all got chance," Pope said. "I think hard work pays off and teams are noticing we're all talented players. Hopefully everyone takes their chance and runs with it."

COLUMN

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and guarantee a Tar Heel victory tonight. OSU may be the best football team around (I have a really displeased, sour look on my face), but North Carolina will always own the hardwood. To close this masterpiece, I'd like to chide Scott Skiles and the Chicago Bulls. Why can't Big Ben wear a headband? This guy has a lot of street cred and has earned the right to keep

himself from getting sweat in his eyes. This would be like telling Horace Grant not to wear goggles or telling John Stockton to wear longer shorts or telling Anthony Mason not to shave weird designs in his hair. This is a crime.

The NBA has done a good job the past few seasons to reshape their image, but this is just a little too much. Give Big Ben a break.

Send comments to Colin at cruilso@bgsu.edu

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Kelly's success at CMU is seen nationally

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. (AP) — When Brian Kelly got to Central Michigan, the campus community hoped he could bring the Chippewas some rare football success.

He may have succeeded too well.

In his third year in Mount Pleasant, Kelly has the traditionally hapless Chippewas heading to Thursday's Mid-American Conference championship game and the Dec. 26 Motor City Bowl, both at Ford Field in Detroit. The latter will be the program's first bowl appearance since the 1994 Las Vegas Bowl.

The Chippewas head into Thursday's MAC title game against Ohio with an 8-4 record, including an 8-1 mark in the conference.

"People wrote off this program as a joke," said senior offensive tackle Joe Staley. "And now we're playing in the biggest games

I've ever been associated with, and that's because of coach. He came in here from day one and preached the same message — do the right things on and off the field."

Kelly came to Central Michigan after winning two Division II titles at Grand Valley State, which gave him instant credibility with his new players.

"We knew he was a winner," said junior linebacker Red Keith. "We had to believe in his plan, because he had been there and we hadn't. People here didn't know how to win. We always expected to lose. Now we expect to win."

After going 4-7 in his first season, Kelly led the Chippewas to a 6-5 record in 2005, the school's first winning season since 1998.

"When I got here, we spent the first few months just trying to change the structure," Kelly said. "We had to develop a championship culture, and that means

a lot more than playing football. We changed the academics and the way our players behaved off the field."

"That had to be the first step, before we could change the results on the field."

Central Michigan won its first seven conference games, clinching the MAC West Division with an emotional 31-7 rout of arch-rival Western Michigan.

"That was an exciting night," said first-year athletic director Dave Heeke. "The first sellout in our remodeled stadium, and a chance to beat our rivals to win the championship."

"It's a great time to be a Chippewa, and Brian is the key figure in that."

The newfound success has brought attention to the football team, which will become the first Michigan team to play in the Motor City Bowl. Not all the attention has been what Heeke hoped to see.

Tucker out for season with undisclosed illness

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns right tackle Ryan Tucker will miss the rest of the season because of an undisclosed illness.

Tucker was placed on the non-football illness list yesterday after missing the second half of Sunday's 30-0 loss against Cincinnati.

Tucker, a team captain, started nine games this year but missed two because of the illness: Oct. 29 against the New York Jets and Nov. 5 at San Diego.

The 31-year-old Tucker wouldn't reveal what the nature

of his illness was after returning to the team Nov. 8, saying it was irrelevant. He had said he was back to normal.

Tucker had been Cleveland's steady member of an offensive line that has been in constant flux because of injuries and personnel changes in recent years. He made 62 starts over the past four seasons.

The Browns also made a series of other moves.

They placed defensive lineman Ethan Kelley on injured reserve, signed free-agent

defensive lineman J'Vonne Parker, signed offensive lineman Rob Smith from the practice squad and signed defensive lineman Alvin Smith to the practice squad.

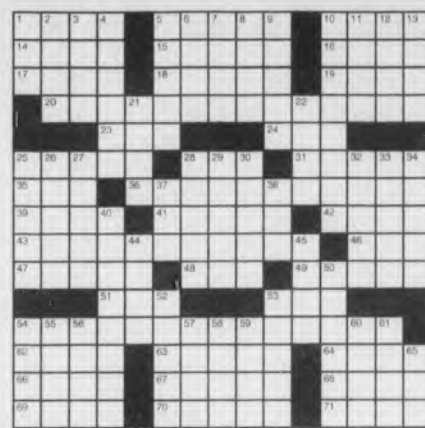
Kelley injured his knee Sunday against Cincinnati. He appeared in 11 games and had 22 tackles.

Parker was waived at the end of training camp by the Browns and was claimed by Dallas, where he appeared in two games before being waived Nov. 7. He played in four games for the Browns last year.

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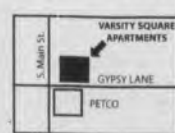
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